



April 21, 2021

The Honorable David C. Rouzer
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rouzer:

On behalf of the Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce representing the towns of Carolina Beach and Kure Beach, thank you for all of your efforts to support the Coastal Storm Damage Reduction (CSDR) project in Carolina and Kure Beaches. Your continued support and advocacy over the last several years has ensured town business and residential property are protected during storms.

Your efforts have been critical in securing federal funding for these projects, which as you know are far too cost prohibitive for towns like Carolina Beach and Kure Beach to assume in our budgets. Like you, we were excited when the Carolina/Kure Beach CSDR project was authorized as part of the Water Resources Development Act in 2020.

As we learned in January, our project was not included in the final U.S. Army Corps of Engineers work plan. While Carolina Beach and Kure Beach, New Hanover County, the county's other beach communities and your office, have advocated for federal funding, we do not have the federal commitment yet.

We support your efforts to either find reprogrammed federal funding or to make the funding for the Carolina and Kure Beach project a specified request from you in a future federal budget.

As always, Carolina Beach and Kure Beach remain committed to assist you and your staff to advocate for healthy beaches that protect our coastal infrastructure from hurricanes, storm surge and other natural events.

Sincerely,

Debbie Elliott
Chair
Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce